

Sl. No.	State/Uts	Target of groups	Groups formed
25.	West Bengal	2180	1499
26.	A&N Islands	150	44
27.	Daman & Diu	70	
28.	Delhi	150	14
29.	Chandigarh	50	—
30.	Lakshadweep	160	50
31.	Pondicherry	150	107
32.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	120	72
Total		52500	41205

P.S.:- No targets were fixed for 1983-84 & 1984-85.

#### Implementation of Desert Development Programme in Rajasthan

3683. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA:  
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places in Rajasthan where Desert Development Programme has been implemented;

(b) the amount allocated under this programme during the last three years.

(c) whether the expansion of desert is likely to be controlled under this programme;

(d) if so, whether it is proposed to continue the programme; and

(e) if no, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) (a) The Desert Development Programme is in operation in 11 districts of Rajasthan namely Barmer, Bikaner, Churu, Sriganganagar, Jaisalmer, Jalore, Jhunjunu, Jodhpur, Nagaur, Pali and Sikar.

(b) An amount of Rs. 3800 lakhs was allocated for Rajasthan during 1989-90. During 1990-91 and 1991-92, the allocation was the same as in 1989-90.

(c) The Programme aims at controlling desertification and restoring ecological balance in the long run through activities such as afforestation with special emphasis on sanddune stabilisation, and shelter belt plantation, grass-land development, soil and moisture conservation and water resources development.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The question does not arise.